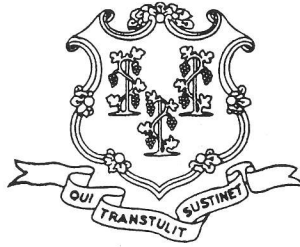


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation and the State of Connecticut in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

*W*HEREAS, American women have played, and continue to play, a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the nation; and

*W*HEREAS, beginning in the late 1970s women began to work full careers in the building trades, challenging industry norms; and

*W*HEREAS, these proud and dedicated women have been part of the first generation of women to work as carpenters, electricians, laborers, pipefitters, teamsters and a number of other trades; and

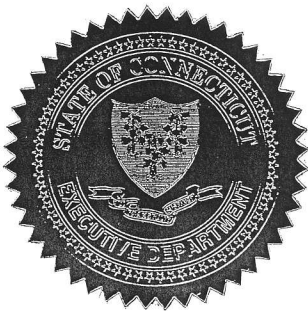
*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is proud to join the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and the Connecticut State Building Trades in recognizing these fine women; and

*W*HEREAS, we honor the many and varied contributions, accomplishments and successes of these women who have helped shape the prosperity of our communities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 16, 2009, as

A DAY TO HONOR WOMEN

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor